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Schemes for Schools
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes formulated by the Government for education at school level;

(b) the number of such schemes of the Government awaiting implementation;

(c) whether the NITI Aayog has made any suggestions to formulate any action plan for the betterment of learning level; and

(d) whether the Government proposes for early implementation of all the schemes related to school education and the suggestions made by NITI Aayog and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing various centrally sponsored flagship schemes at school level for educating all children in the country, like Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid Day Meal (MDM) Scheme at elementary level and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) at secondary level. Two scholarship schemes viz., National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS) and National Scheme of Incentive to Girls for Secondary Education (NSIGSE) are also being implemented to arrest drop out of students at secondary level belonging to economically weaker sections of the society and SC/ST girls respectively.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): The Department has taken various initiatives for improving the quality of school education. The Central Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Rules have been amended on 20th February, 2017 to include reference on class-wise, subject-wise Learning Outcomes. The Learning Outcomes for each class in Languages (Hindi, English and Urdu), Mathematics, Environmental Studies, Science and Social Science up to the elementary stage have, accordingly, been finalized and shared with all States and UTs. These would serve as a guideline for States and UTs to ensure that all children acquire appropriate learning levels.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of SSA and RMSA, the State Governments and UT Administrations are supported on several interventions to improve teaching standards, including regular in-service teachers' training, recruitment of additional teachers, academic support for teachers, Maths and Science kits, Lab equipments and ICT facilities in schools etc.

Additionally, the Central Government, supports States and UTs on early grade reading, writing & comprehension, and early Mathematics programmes through a sub-programme of SSA namely 'Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat' (PBBB) in classes I and II. Further, the Government has launched Rashtriya Aavishkar Abhiyan (RAA) programme on 09.07.2015, inter alia, as a sub-component of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA), to motivate and engage children of the age group from 6-18 years in Science, Mathematics and Technology through observation, experimentation, inference drawing, model building, etc. both through inside and outside classroom activities.

The Central Board of Secondary Education has decided to make Xth Board Examination compulsory from the academic year 2017-18. It has also introduced a uniform system of Assessment, Examination and Report Card for classes VI-IX that would prepare the students to face the challenge of Class X examination.

Further, for improving the quality of school education, the School Standards & Evaluation framework, known as 'Shaala Siddhi' has been launched by NUEPA, to enable schools to evaluate their performance in a more focused and strategic manner and to facilitate them to make professional judgments for improvement.